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Re: Applicant(s): Attila Kovacs-Birkas
Assignee: NEC Electronics, Inc.
Title: CELL MODELING IN THE DESIGN OF AN INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT
Application No.: 09/878,497
Filing Date: June 11, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2123
Examiner: William D. Thomson
Attorney Docket No.: NEC0239US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (10 pages)



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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on May 24, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.